OAKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1971

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OAKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1971

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	2,250
Registrar General's estimate of population (mid-year)	6,810
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1971	2,173
Rateable Value at 31st December, 1971	£245,449
Net product of a one new penny rate	£2,260

VITAL STATISTICS

		M	F	Total
Live Births:	Legitimate	50	49	99
	Illegitimate	4	1	5
Still Births:	Legitimate	1	-	1
	Illegitimate	-	-	-

					Eng. and Wales 1971
Live Birth Rate:	Crude	15.3	Corrected	15.0	16.0
Death Rate:	"	9.0	"	7.5	11.6
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:	"	Nil			18.0

OGDEN VECAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COUNCIL OF WEALTH

1971

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	5,320
Registrar General's estimate of population (mid-year)	6,010
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1971	2,173
Rateable Value as at 31st December, 1971	£248,472
Net product of a one new penny rate	£2,480

VITAL STATISTICS

		M	F	Total
Live Births:	Legitimate	70	49	119
	Illegitimate	4	1	5
Still Births:	Legitimate	1	-	1
	Illegitimate	-	-	-

Rec. and Maln 1971

Live Birth Rate:	Crude 18.3	Corrected	15.0	16.0
Death Rate:	" 910	"	7.5	12.6
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:	" NIL			18.0

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - oesophagus	2	1
" " - stomach	1	1
" " - intestine	-	1
" " - lung, bronchus	2	-
" " - uterus	-	2
Other malignant neoplasms	1	2
Anaemias	1	-
Multiple sclerosis	-	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	1	1
Hypertensive disease	-	1
Ischaemic heart disease	9	4
Other forms of heart disease	-	2
Cerebrovascular disease	5	5
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	-
Pneumonia	4	5
Bronchitis and emphysema	1	-
Asthma	-	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	-
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	-	1
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide and self inflicted injury	1	-
	32	29

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations of specimens from the area were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester.

Nose and throat swabs	6
Faeces	4

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Age distribution of Notified Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1971

Disease	Under 1	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 9	10 14	15 24	25 and over
Sonne Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	1	2	-	2	2	-	-	-
Salmonella (unidentified)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Anaemias	1	-
Multiple sclerosis	-	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	1	1
Hypertensive disease	-	1
Ischaemic heart disease	5	4
Other forms of heart disease	-	2
Cerebrovascular disease	5	5
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	-
Pneumonia	4	5
Bronchitis and emphysema	1	-
Asthma	-	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	-
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	-	1
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide and self inflicted injury	1	-
	22	23

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations of specimens from the area were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester.

Stool and throat swabs	6
Sputum	4

SUPERVISION OF, AND ASSISTANCE GIVEN, INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER PREMISES

Age distribution of Notified Diseases

(other than Tuberculosis) during the year

1973

Disease	Under 1	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 25	25 and over
Sonne Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	1	2	-	2	2	-	-	-
Salmonella (unidentified)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water	Bacteriological		Chemical	
Number of Samples taken for analysis:-	By U.D.	By Water Authority	By U.D.	By Water Authority
(a) from wells	-	-	-	-
(b) from piped supply	-	52	-	52
(c) at source of public supply	-	-	-	-
Results of Samples taken:-				
(a) from wells - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
satisfactory	-	-	-	-
(b) from piped supply - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
satisfactory	-	52	-	52

All the public supply sources are outside the Urban District.

The public supply was unrestricted throughout the year.

Leicester Corporation is responsible for the water supply.

Practically 100% of the houses and of the population of the Urban District are supplied. In a few cases the water is not laid into the houses. These are mainly in an area scheduled for re-development. There are no public stand-pipes but in five cases taps are shared.

Two good houses with satisfactory piped private supplies are the only ones not on the public supply.

The fluoride content of the water is less than 0.2 p.p.m. and the Council decided in 1963 that no objection be raised to any proposal for the addition of fluoride to the water supply.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The completion of the extensions and renewals at the sewage disposal works enabled housing development to re-commence, and the developers laid sewers which were connected to the main system and which, after completion, would become public sewers. These amounted to 1100 lin. yds. of foul sewer.

The operation of the newly enlarged and modernised works continued well throughout the year, despite a few teething troubles which were soon overcome and rectified.

Towards the end of the year, one house was connected to the main system and its septic tank demolished. This was as the result of new development close to the house, so allowing connection when the sewers were laid for the new development. At the end of the year, ten houses were not connected to the main system, but these are in isolated areas, including four farmhouses.

The sewage from the villages of Barleythorpe and Egleton within the Oakham Rural District is, by arrangement, also dealt with at the works of the Oakham Urban District Council.

Closet Accommodation

All the sanitary accommodation in the Urban District consists of water closets.

Public Cleansing

All the premises in Oakham have moveable dustbins and the Council operates an 18/22 cu. yd. (compressing type) refuse collecting vehicle manned by a driver and five men. A seven day cycle of collections is maintained from all the houses and from the shops, with some shops receiving two collections per week.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT OF 1938 WORK.

Water	Bacteriological		Chemical	
Number of samples taken for analysis-	By Dist. Authority	By Other Authorities	By Dist. Authority	By Other Authorities
(a) Free walls	-	-	-	-
(b) Free piped supply	-	52	-	52
(c) As source of public supply	-	-	-	-
Results of samples taken:-				
(a) Free walls - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
satisfactory	-	-	-	-
(b) Free piped supply - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
satisfactory	-	52	-	52

All the public supply sources are outside the Urban District.

The public supply was unrestricted throughout the year.

Tidworth Corporation is responsible for the water supply.

Practically 100% of the houses and of the population of the Urban District are supplied. In a few cases the water is not laid into the houses. These are mainly in an area scheduled for re-development. There are no public standpipes but in five cases taps are shared.

The good houses with satisfactory piped private supplies are the only ones not on the public supply.

The fluoride content of the water is less than 0.7 p.p.m. and the Council decided in 1937 that no objection be raised to any proposal for the addition of fluoride to the water supply.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The completion of the extension and renewals at the sewage disposal works combined heating development to re-commence, and the development land sewers which were connected to the main system and which, after completion, would improve public sewers. These promised to last for, yes, of that never.

The operation of the newly enlarged and modernised works continued well throughout the year, despite a few teething troubles which were soon overcome and rectified.

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The sewage from the villages of Durlestone and Kingston within the Cobham Rural District is, by arrangement, also dealt with at the works of the Tidworth Urban District Council.

Street Accommodation

All the sanitary accommodation in the Urban District consists of water closets.

Public Cleansing

All the premises in Urban have weekly dustbin and the General cleansing is 1/2/23 cu. yd. (compressing type) refuse collecting vehicle manned by a driver and five men. Seven day visits or collections in unlimited time all for houses and free the above, with some more providing two collections per week.

Refuse disposal is by controlled tipping in a disused ironstone quarry six miles from the town between Wing and Morcott. During the year, Ketton Rural District Council continued to use the tip for disposal of refuse from part of their district.

The Council operates a free collection service for large and bulky articles such as furniture, as part of its function under the Civic Amenities Act.

At the end of the year, the refuse vehicle was replaced by a 'Bulkmaster' 18/70 cu. yd. (compressing type) vehicle.

Smoke

There are no industrial chimneys within the district. No complaints of smoke nuisance arose.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number of complaints received	78	(including 56 of rats and mice)
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered arising out of complaints	88	(" " " " " ")

This does not include oral complaints which are usually dealt with immediately.

Nature of Inspection	No. of Inspections and Re-visits
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	415
Tents, Vans, etc.	1
Food premises	50
Dairies	2
Offensive trades	-
Animal keeping	-
Factories, etc.	37
Shops and offices	29
Other premises	22

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act is resulting in much improvement to sanitary provisions in those types of premises.

Refuse disposal is by mechanical burning in a closed incinerator powered with air from the room between the wall flanges. During the warm weather, Kitchen waste Disposal Council operated in the dog kennels for disposal of refuse from pail to water disposal.

The Council operates a free collection service for large and bulky articles such as furniture, subject to the Inspector under the Civic Amenities Act.

At the end of the year, the refuse vehicle was replaced by a Bedfordtipper LD/20 cu. yd. (economic type) vehicle.

Rats

There are no infestations although visits the district. No complaints of mobile rodenticide groups.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this report.

Total number of complaints received 30 (including 10 of rats and mice)

Total number of defects or nuisances discovered arising out of complaints 30 (" " " " ")

This does not include oral complaints which are quickly dealt with informally.

Nature of Inspection	No. of Inspections and Revisits
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	415
Yards, ways, etc.	1
Food premises	50
Shops	2
Offensive trades	-
Ashes Dumping	-
Drainage, etc.	37
Shops and offices	25
Other premises	25

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act is working to much improvement to sanitary conditions in those types of premises.

N O T I C E S

Preliminary	Housing	Other
Outstanding on 1st January, 1971	3	1
Issued during the year	11	6
Complied with during year	11	7
Outstanding 31st December, 1971	3	-
Statutory		
Outstanding on 1st January, 1971	2*	-
Issued during the year	-	-
Complied with during year	-	-
Outstanding 31st December, 1971	2*	-

*These outstanding cases relate to Demolition Orders where action is not complete, but the premises concerned were not occupied at the end of the year.

Defects or Nuisances

Most of the work is done by letter, interview or telephone, and few formal notices, either preliminary or statutory, are used.

CONTROL OF RATS

The Council has a contract with Ratsouris Limited for rat control. All complaints were promptly dealt with and at the end of the year there was little evidence of rats in the town.

SWIMMING POOLS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

An open-air swimming bath owned by Oakham School Trustees is hired by the Council during the summer holidays and opened to public use, the Council providing attendants etc. The bath has a pressure filter and chlorinator which works most of the time while the bath is in public use.

Fourteen inspections were made during the season.

A modern indoor pool at the Vale of Catmose Village College is made available for use by various organisations during school terms and out of school hours.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

At the end of the year there were three distributors and three premises registered. Six inspections of premises and vehicles were made. During the year the only milk vending machine in the town was removed.

No action was found necessary under Regulation 20 - Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959.

Ice-Cream

No ice-cream is now made in Oakham, but seventeen premises are registered for its sale.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

Number of inspections 12

There is no slaughterhouse in the Urban District

Carcases and Offal Inspection and Condemned in Whole or in Part

Whole carcases condemned - None

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned - None

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Premises subject to the Regulations are as follows:-

	No.	Complying with Reg. 16	No. to which Reg. 19 applies	Complying with Reg. 19
Butchers	7	7	7	7
Fishmongers	1	1	1	1
Grocers	10	10	10	10
Bread and Confect.	4	4	2	2
Hotels and Licensed Premises	12	12	12	12
Works Canteens	2	2	2	2
School kitchens	5	5	5	5
Restaurants	3	3	3	3
Dairy Shop, etc.	1	1	1	1
Greengrocers	4	4	-	-

Five contraventions were found and were remedied.

There is a busy street market on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Some of the stalls sell vegetables, fruit and other foods. It is occasionally necessary to draw attention to breaches of the Regulations but the stall holders are generally ready to comply.

Premises Registered Under Food and Drugs Act, 1955 Section 16 for

Preparation of Sausages, Potted Meats and Meat Pies - 6

Preparation and sale of Fish and Chips - 1

Disposal of Condemned Food

The following foods were voluntarily surrendered as unfit:-

Cooked meat and meat products	-
Canned meats	34 lbs.
Other canned foods	-
Fish (fresh)	-
Fruit and Vegetables (fresh)	-
Other foods	35 lbs.
Frozen foods due to cabinet breakdown 8 cwt.	51 lbs.

HOUSING

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made:-	Nil
Closing Orders made:-	-
Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition or Clearance Orders:-	Nil
Demolished without necessity of Demolition Order:-	Nil
Occupied houses with operative Demolition or Closing Orders:-	-
Number of dwelling houses closed voluntarily by owners following service of informal notice.	4

During the year 36 applicants were rehoused.

At the 31st December, the Council owned 583 houses and flats, 10 temporary bungalows and 24 old houses in the Westgate area of the town. Included in this latter figure are 14 which are unoccupied and are eventually to be demolished for redevelopment.

Towards the end of the year the Council commenced a scheme to improve 103 pre-war dwellings by modernising the bathrooms to enable internal W.C.'s to be installed, together with new hot water systems with gas boilers which enable radiators to be installed at a later date. The exteriors of these houses were also renovated and the work progressed well.

HOUSING

In various parts of the town, improvement grants have been made. Eleven Standard Grants were approved in 1971 and twelve completed, including eight which had received approval in 1970.

These completions resulted in the installation of ten baths, twelve wash-basins, twelve hot and cold water systems, ten internal W.C.'s and three sinks.

Five Discretionary Grants were approved but none of these completed in the year. Two were completed which had been approved in 1970. These resulted in the houses being brought to a first class standard.

The following table shows new house completions in the last ten years:-

Year	Houses completed other than by the Council	Council Houses	Total
1962	17	63	80
1963	38	8	46
1964	74	1	75
1965	93	6	99
1966	114	22	136
1967	152	77	229
1968	146	-	146
1969	44	-	44
1970	41	12	53
1971	32	-	32
TOTAL	751	189	940

APPENDIX

Factories Act, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration

of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

I - INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

(1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of Inspections. (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	3	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	36	29	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' Premises)	3	3	-	-
TOTAL :-	42	37	-	-

II - CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	6	6	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	6	6	-	-	-

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(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	3	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	16	29	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' Premises)	3	3	-	-
TOTAL :-	42	37	-	-

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Ineffective ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
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(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:-	6	6	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(SECTIONS 133 AND 134)

Nature of work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel making, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plastic and Plastic Articles	23	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	23	-	-	-	-	-

DATE WITH OF THE ACT

CONTRACT

(SECTIONS 133 A.B 134)

Nature of work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unclaimed cases provided.	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Knitting apparel, sanitary, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flexible and Plastic Articles	23	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	23	-	-	-	-	-